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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: SECOND EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DISCOVERED,
BNC MEDELLIN

REF: BOGOTA 9778

1. AT ABOUT 1500 IN THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 19, A SECOND EXPLOSIVE INCENDIARY DEVICE WAS DISCOVERED IN THE LADIES ROOM ON THE FOURTH FLOOR. BOTH TOILETS WHERE DEVICES WERE FOUND WERE INDIVIDUAL TOILETS AND HAVE BEEN CLOSED OFF FOR THE TIME BEING, DEVICE WAS APPARENTLY PLACED IN THE AIR SPACE IN THE CEILING ON TUESDAY, THE 18TH, AT THE SAME TIME AS THE OTHER DEVICE; HOWEVER WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN. FROM THE APPEARANCE, IT WAS PROBABLY PUT THERE TO BE USED AT A LATER TIME AS IT WAS PUSHED FAR BACK INTO THE AIR SPACE, ALMOST OUT OF SIGHT. ON WEDNESDAY, THE PLYWOOD PANEL WHICH HAD BEEN REPLACED BEGAN TO FALL AND BNC DIRECTOR INVESTIGATED. ELEMENTS OF THE BOMB SQUAD REMOVED THE DEVICE, WHICH CONSISTED OF TWO BOTTLES OF GASOLINE WRAPPED

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TOGETHER WITH TAPE, ONE OF WHICH WAS SITTING ON A CAN OF BLACK POWDER WITH A WICK ATTACHED. IT WAS ALL TIED TIGHTLY IN A PLASTIC BAG, WHICH WAS READY FOR FUTURE USE.

2. STRICT PACKAGE CONTROLS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN EFFECT AND MEDELLIN POLICE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A

UNIFORMED OFFICER AT LEAST FOR THE NEXT TEN DAYS.

3. BNC ALSO RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL THIS A.M. CALLER STATED THERE'S ANOTHER BOMB AND THEN HUNG UP. POLICE BOMB SQUAD WAS CALLED AGAIN; HOWEVER, A SEARCH OF THE BUILDING MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. NEWS MEDIA IN MEDELLIN AND BOGOTA HAVE CARRIED STORY WITH FACTS SOMEWHAT DISTORTED. FOR EXAMPLE, BOGOTA'S EL TIEMPO CARRIED BRIEF ARTICLE STATING POLICE HAD FOUND AND DEACTIVATED TWO POWERFUL BOMBS THAT HAD BEEN PLACED BY EXTREMISTS.
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